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PATENT 0573-1012-1

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Denys SOURNAC et al. Conf. 6637

Application No. 10/587,347 Group 3733

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VERTEBRAL OSTEOSYNTHESIS EQUIPMENT

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of February 7, 2008, the period for response having been extended for one month to June 9, 2008 (as June 7th was a Saturday) by Petition for Extension of time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.